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| construction | 126,123 |
| transportation, communications, public utilities. | 100,335 |
| mining | 1,053 |
| other. | 1,813 |
| In Government (19.1%) | 401,870 |
| local | 181,621 |
| state | 88,778 |
| federal. | 131,471 |
| In Manufacturing (8.5%) | 178,890 |
| durable goods | 91,703 |
| nondurable goods | 87,187 |
| In Agriculture (0.9%) | 18,796 |
| Total Civilian Labor Force (Marylanders) | 2,691,000 |
| Employed in & out of state (94.9%) | 2,554,000 |
| Unemployed (5.1%) | 137,000 |

FORESTS

Nearly 2.7 million acres, or 43% of Maryland's land surface, is forest. Oak and hickory are the dominant hardwoods, making up 60% of forested areas. Loblolly pine is the most prevalent softwood and is the predominant forest tree on the Eastern Shore. Chief forest products are lumber, pulpwood, and piling. The total value of all manufacturing relating to wood and forest products in the State exceeds \$500,000,000 annually. Six State forests, one State forest nursery, and six demonstration forests cover 134,006 acres. Demonstration forests show landowners the short- and long-term effects of sound forest and wildlife management practices.

GOVERNMENT

Executive. The Governor, elected by popular vote for a four-year term, is the chief executive of the State. Fifteen cabinet-level executive departments oversee most State agencies.

Legislative. The General Assembly, Maryland's bicameral legislature, consists of a 47-member Senate and a 141-member House of Delegates. As of January 1995, the Senate has 32 Democrats and 15 Republicans; the House of Delegates includes 100 Democrats and 41 Republicans. Annually, the General Assembly convenes to enact laws on the second Wednesday in January for a 90-day session.

Judicial. The Judiciary consists of four court divisions: the Court of Appeals, the Court of Special Appeals, the Circuit Courts, and the District Court of Maryland.

Local. Of the 50 states, Maryland is among those with the fewest number of local governments. Local government exists in Maryland's 23 counties; 156 municipal corporations (including Baltimore City); and special taxing districts, which are created by State, county and municipal governments.

GOVERNMENT BUDGET

The Constitution of Maryland requires that the budget of State government be balanced: total estimated revenues must equal or exceed total appropriations. The budget also must reflect any estimated revenue surplus or deficit at the end of the preceding year (Const., Art. III, sec. 52).

Revenues, FY1996

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| Personal Income Tax. . . | \$3,593,000,000. (24.4%) |
| Federal Funds | \$3,178,000,000. (21.6%) |
| Sales Tax | \$2,037,000,000. (13.8%) |
| Transportation | \$1,504,000,000. (10.2%) |
| Higher Education | \$1,239,000,000. (8.4%) |
| State Bonds | \$ 390,000,000. (2.7%) |
| Lottery | \$ 382,000,000. (2.6%) |
| Corporate Income Tax \$ | 300,000,000. (2.0%) |
| All Others | \$2,111,000,000. (14.3%) |
| Total. | \$14,734,000,000 (100%) |

Appropriations, FY1996

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| Health/ Mental Hygiene | \$3,266,000,000 (22.0%) |
| Education (primary & secondary) | \$2,723,000,000. (18.4%) |
| Transportation | \$2,325,000,000. (15.7%) |
| Higher Education | \$2,068,000,000. (14.0%) |
| Human Resources. . . . \$ | 985,000,000. (6.6%) |
| Public Safety/ State Police | \$ 824,000,000. (5.6%) |
| Capital (State Bonds) . . | \$ 390,000,000. (2.6%) |
| Agriculture, Environment, & Natural Resources \$ | 357,000,000. (2.4%) |
| Public Debt | \$ 307,000,000. (2.1%) |
| Judicial & Legal \$ | 242,000,000. (1.6%) |
| Business & Economic Development | \$ 70,000,000. (0.5%) |
| Housing & Community Development | \$ 126,000,000. (0.9%) |
| Juvenile Justice | \$ 116,000,000. (0.8%) |
| Labor, Licensing, & Regulation | \$ 154,000,000. (1.0%) |
| Legislature | \$ 45,000,000. (0.3%) |
| Other State agencies . . \$ | 579,000,000. (3.9%) |
| Reserve Fund | \$ 270,000,000. (1.8%) |
| Reversions | \$ -28,000,000. (-0.2%) |
| Total. | \$14,819,000,000 (100%) |

Source: Dept. of Fiscal Services, 1995 *Fact Book*.

HEALTH CARE

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| Public Information | (410) 225-6860 |
| TTY for deaf: (410) 225-5072 | |
| AIDS Hotline | 1-800-638-6252 |
| Medical Assistance (Medicaid). . | 1-800-685-5861 |
| Pharmacy Assistance | 1-800-492-1974 |
| Services for Persons with Disabilities | 1-800-638-8864 |

Local Health Departments. Local health departments in each Maryland county and Baltimore City